Reviewer’s report

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The authors have taken great care in answering the points I raised in my review, and as far as I am concerned, all the issues have been adequately addressed.

I only have two minor remaining comments regarding the usage of English: the use of "circa" to denote approximate costs strikes me as unusual, and I believe that in most instances where "within" is used, the simple "in" might be more appropriate.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.